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TAGS: EINV, UK

SUBJECT: RCA

REF: LONDON 17854

1. ROBERT BUTLER, RCA, INFORMS US THORN COLOUR TUBES LIMITED WILL ANNOUNCE TODAY ITS LIQUIDATION EFFECTIVE FOR THE MOST PART WITHIN THREE WEEKS DUE TO PROSPECT OF CONTINUING HEAVY LOSSES. GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED OPERATION OF THORN'S SKELMERSDALE PLANT DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WHILE IT CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF RATIONALIZATION OF COLOR TUBE INDUSTRY (WITH PHILIPS), BUT, HAVING REACHED NEGATIVE CONCLUSION, TERMINATED SUBSIDY DECEMBER 31. ACCORDINGLY THORN AND RCA HAVE AGREED TO LIQUIDATE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. 1200 OF 1400 EMPLOYEES WILL BE LAID OFF JANUARY 23.

2. BUTLER SAID PRESS RELEASE WILL NOT MENTION RCA WHICH IS MINORITY (49 PERCENT) SHAREHOLDER. HOWEVER IT IS POSSIBLE AFFECTED UNIONS MAY SEEK TO ATTRIBUTE DECISION TO RCA. BUTLER SAYS DECISION WAS AGREED BETWEEN THORN AND RCA AND PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN AGREED AMONG THORN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RCA AND GOVERNMENT. MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY

GERALD KAUFMAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT'S ROLE.

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